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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 7206**
Yasuhiro TADA et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2006_0371A
Serial No. 10/574,111 : Group Art Unit 1723
Filed March 31, 2006 :
VINYLIDENE FLUORIDE BASED RESIN :
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 - d. ☒ the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
 - e. ☐ the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference:
5. ☒ A foreign patent office communication citing the reference is enclosed.
6. ☒ Comments:

The foreign patent office communication referred to in item 5 above is an Official Letter issued in connection with a foreign application corresponding to the present U.S. application. The Official Letter cites the reference on the attached PTO-1449 form. JP 7-173323, which is also cited in the Official Letter, has already been cited in Applicants' IDS of March 31, 2006.

Applicants are also submitting herewith an English translation of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability issued in connection with the PCT application on which the present U.S. application is based. The Notice of Acceptance does not acknowledge receipt of this document.

Respectfully submitted,

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